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PSC LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN EXCELSIOR SPRINGS IN SBC MISSOURI REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE CLASSIFICATION IN SOME OF ITS EXCHANGES

JEFFERSON CITY---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on Tuesday, October 4, 2005**, to receive customer comment on a request filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri to have some of its exchanges classified as competitive under a new law (SB 237) which took effect on August 28, 2005. SBC Missouri is seeking competitive classification in 50 of its residential exchanges and 30 of its business exchanges.

If competitive status is granted, SBC Missouri would no longer be subject to price or rate regulation by the PSC. SBC Missouri would be permitted to raise or lower its telephone prices at its own discretion, subject to the marketplace. The PSC would continue to regulate quality of service, service termination and other billing issues.

Due to the large number of exchanges at issue, this local public hearing will be conducted by two-way video conference. Members of the public are invited to attend and provide comment on SBC Missouri's request and the nature and amount of telephone competition in the customer's exchange.

A question and answer session will be held for the first 30 minutes so that the public can ask questions about the request. The public comment period will begin immediately thereafter.

The Excelsior Springs local public hearing schedule appears below:

October 4, 2005-6:30 pm*

Excelsior Springs

Excelsior Springs High School

IT Room #23

612 Tiger Drive

*** The informal question and answer session will be held from 6:30 pm until 7:00 pm. The local public hearing for customer comment begins at 7:00 pm and will continue until 9:00 pm or until everyone present has had an opportunity to speak, whichever is sooner.**

A list of the exchanges in the SBC Missouri request appears on the following page.

Residential exchanges (50):

Antonia	Archie	Ash Grove	Billings
Bonne Terre	Boonville	Camdenton	Cape Girardeau
Carthage	Cedar Hill	Chillicothe	Clever
De Soto	Dexter	Eldon	Excelsior Springs
Farley	Festus-Crystal City	Flat River	Fulton
Grain Valley	Gravois Mill	Gray Summit	Greenwood
Hannibal	Herculaneum-Pevely	High Ridge	Hillsboro
Imperial	Jackson	Joplin	Kennett
Kirksville	Lake Ozark-Osage Beach	Marionville	Marshall
Maxville	Mexico	Moberly	Neosho
Poplar Bluff	Portage Des Sioux	Richmond	Sedalia
Sikeston	St. Clair	Union	Walnut Grove
Ware	Webb City		

Business exchanges (30):

Archie	Ash Grove	Billings	Boonville
Carthage	Cedar Hill	Chaffee	Chillicothe
De Soto	Dexter	Excelsior Springs	Farley
Gray Summit	Hannibal	Hillsboro	Kennett
Kirksville	Linn	Marionville	Marshall
Mexico	Moberly	Montgomery City	Neosho
Portage Des Sioux	Richmond	St. Clair	Union
Ware	Webb City		